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SUBJECT: TORTURE FINDINGS FILED, CHARGES MADE

1. RESULTS OF INITIAL INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE BY JUNTA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO ATHENS PUBLIC PROSECUTOR FAFOUTIS WHO, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS OCTOBER 18, HAS FILED FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST THREE ARMY OFFICERS AND FIFTEEN POLICE OFFICIALS FOR CAUSING GRAVE BODILY INJURY AND USING EXCESSIVE FORCE ON POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE THREE ARMY OFFICERS ARE FORMER BOYATI PRISON COMMANDER PETROS GOROS, DEPUTY PRISON COMMANDER SPYRIDON KONDYLLIS AND CONSTANTINE TSOLISA, CAPTAIN IN MILITARY JUDICIARY. THE POLICE OFFICERS INCLUDE ALMOST THE ENTIRE HIERARCHY OF ATHENS GENERAL SECURITY, MOST OF WHOM HAD ALREADY BEEN SUSPENDED.

2. THERE WILL NOW BE A FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION, WHICH PRESS SAYS WILL TAKE SOME WEEKS, TO DETERMINE WHETHER ACCUSED WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. CHARGES WERE BASED ON SWORN TESTIMONY OF TWENTY-SIX WITNESSES WHO APPEARED BEFORE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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PAPPAS WHO CONDUCTED PUBLIC HEARINGS OVER PAST THREE WEEKS.

3. FAFOUTIS ALSO HAS IN HIS KEEPING THE POLYTECHNION INVESTIGATION FINDINGS BASED ON TESTIMONY OF ABOUT THREE HUNDRED PERSONS. PRESS SPECULATES THAT ON BASIS OF THOSE INDICTMENTS WILL SOON BE ANOUNCED AGAINST OTHER OFFICIALS. THESE COULD INCLUDE HIGH-LEVEL CIVILIAN LEADERS, AS WELL AS MILITARY AND POLICE. ALL PRESS ACCOUNTS AGREE THAT THE PAPPAS FINDINGS ARE FORTY-SEVEN DEATHS AND ABOUT 1250 INJURED AT POLYTECHNION.
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